

**ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES District
MINUTES OF A JOINT BOARD MEETING
WITH THE FOUNDATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 20, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.
EGCSD Administration Building**

ATTENDANCE:

Directors present were Doug McElroy, Elliot Mulberg, Pat Perez, and Elaine Wright. Director Gerald Derr was out ill.

Foundation Advisory Council Board Members present included Shane Berli, Bob Brewer, Mark Fetler, Keith Gebers, Dan Lawrence, Al Livingston, Gayle Mooney, Tony Ouelette, Bette Robinson, and Gene Robinson.

General Manager Rita Velasquez, Administrative Services Director Jeff Ramos, Fire Chief Keith Grueneberg, and Administrator of Parks & Recreation David Wigginton were also in attendance.

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. President Perez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Director Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. President Perez moved directly to Item Nos. H1–3, related to the Joint Meeting with the EGCSD Foundation Advisory Council.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. President Perez, along with the Board presented Longevity Awards to the following full-time employees recognizing their years of service with the District:

Thirty Years of Service (1973–2003)

Daniel Kunz
Greg Waterman
Michael Zehnder

Twenty Years of Service (1983–2003)

Ronald Gangl

Fifteen Years of Service (1988–2003)

Murray McDaniel
Joseph Rau
Rita K. Velasquez

Ten Years of Service (1993–2003)

May Mason
David Rovegno

Five Years of Service (1998-2003)

Jennifer Campbell
Angela Edwards
Jack Robin

Individuals recognized by the Board who were not present at the meeting included:

Thirty Years of Service (1973-2003)

Jeffrey Ferguson
James Kunz

Fifteen Years of Service (1988-2003)

Brian Brown
Kristian Hubbard
Jennifer Smith

Ten Years of Service (1993-2003)

James Haggard
Tracey Hansen
Brian Klein
Paula Landrum
Mark Nelson
Kevin O'Keefe
Edward Raschein
Brett Shurr
John Sinclair
Mark Wellendorf

Five Years of Service (1998-2003)

Kristyn Staby

President Perez and Director McElroy were also presented with a longevity award by their colleagues, recognizing each for their ten years of distinguished service. General Manager Velasquez expressed her gratitude to staff and the Board members for their dedicated service to enhance the quality of life for those residing, doing business, and visiting the Elk Grove community.

2. Roy Herren, Area 2 Park Maintenance Supervisor with the Parks & Recreation Department presented a Power Point presentation of an overview of the Department's Tree Maintenance Program. The program consisted the tagging of all trees throughout the District and the collection and documentation of data such as genera, location, deviate (diameter), height, and condition of each tree. With a total tree inventory of 21,085 trees, 78% of the trees surveyed were determined to be in good condition; 65% required routine pruning; and less than 1% required removal.

Some benefits of the Program to the District are: 1) the structure of young trees for better survivability; 2) track and care for the older tree population to enhance longevity; 3) initiate a pruning cycle for trees in fair or poor condition to provide a better chance of survival and reduce liability exposures; 4) remove and replace trees in critical condition or that are dead; 5) inventory trees planted in new parks and corridors; and 6) enhance the aesthetics and landscape for the community.

3. Samantha Wallace, Recreation Supervisor II for Youth Services presented a report on the proposed programming of the new Teen Center located at the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic/Community Complex. Samantha reported the Youth Services staff used the results conducted from a survey of cities and special districts throughout California that have teen centers to come up the District's proposed programming.

Findings of successful programs include free drop-in activities after school such as pool tables, foosball tables, air hockey, video games; a mix of organized activities such as clubs, arts and crafts, and tournaments; and special events such as Movie Night, Super Bowl Party, Grub Night, and Bingo. The District's Teen Center will also offer a computer lab and a snack bar.

In addition, staff will be working with Sac State graduate students to survey the District's middle and high school students to get more feedback on specific programming needs not identified in the proposed plan.

4. General Manager Velasquez reported on the State Budget and the potential impact to special districts. Of the \$1.34 billion the State will be taking from local government, \$105 million will come from special districts. At this point, Rita stated the proposed budget uses a generalization of the shift proposal and that it will adhere to the structure and methodology of ERAF, the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund shift that occurred in 1992-93.

Rita stated a proposed ballot measure being sponsored by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), the League of California Cities, and the California State Association of Counties for the November 2004 election, will insure voter control over local tax dollars for public health, safety, parks, water and other essential services, as it requires voter approval should the State wish to shift any more property taxes from local government to the State.

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Fred Fisher, representing the Sierra Valley Senior Softball League requested the Board to re-consider their rental fees for the Henry Kloss Softball Complex at Elk Grove Regional Park.
2. Dyric Ramirez reported he will be in contact with Regional Transit with regards to the re-routing of Route 53 to incorporate a bus stop at the front of the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic/Community Complex so kids who reside on the east side of Highway 99 can have access to the Complex.
3. Matthew Stansbery expressed his appreciation to the Board and the District for the implementation of a skate park in the community.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. The Board approved the January 6, 2004 minutes of a regular Board meeting. Wright-Mulberg, McElroy, Perez - yes; Derr - absent.
2. The Board ratified payment of the December 2003 bills and payroll for the EGCSO, and received and filed the Budget Status Reports for the month of December 2003. Wright-Mulberg, McElroy, Perez - yes; Derr - absent.
3. The Board received and filed the Volunteer Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.
4. The Board received and filed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) update.
5. The Board awarded the contract for the construction of the site improvements necessary for the new Johnson Park Recreation Center to Allied-West Construction for the amount of \$103,017, plus 5% for contingencies. McElroy-Wright, Mulberg, Perez - yes; Derr - absent.

6. The Board approved the Park Development Agreement for Bradford Park, a 1.54-acre park with Dunmore Laguna Reserve, LLC. McElroy-Mulberg, Perez, Wright – yes; Derr – absent. In response to Director McElroy's concerns with regards to delays of the smaller parks being built by developers, staff will provide a list of landscape architects to developers, set up pre-job meetings to improve communication with developers and architects before concept plans are developed, and work with the Elk Grove City staff to develop a policy stating parks are to be completed once a certain percentage of build-out is reached at a particular project.
7. The Board authorized setting an Advertised Public Hearing for March 2, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the CSD Board Room to adopt the environmental document for the Hal Bartholomew Sports Park, a 46-acre park located at the corner of Poppy Ridge Road and Franklin High Road in East Franklin. Mulberg-Wright, McElroy, Perez – yes; Derr – absent.
8. The Board approved Resolution Nos. 2004-01 and 2004-02, granting Temporary Construction Easements to SMUD for construction of a natural gas line along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks on the east side of Caterino Park and under the Elk Grove Boulevard overcrossing to service the needs of SMUD's new power plant. Wright-Mulberg, McElroy, Perez – yes; Derr – absent.
9. The Board approved Resolution No. 2004-03, granting an underground right-of-way to SMUD for installation of underground conduits, wires, and cables within the southeast corner of Hal Bartholomew Sports Park in East Franklin. Wright-Mulberg, McElroy, Perez – yes; Derr – absent.

E. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. NONE

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. NONE

G. STAFF REPORTS

1. The Board authorized the EG Youth Sports Association (EGYSA), at their cost and in coordination with District staff to construct split face block enclosures to house portable restrooms for use by Association sports groups during organized sports activities. EG Youth Sports Association is to pay for routine servicing and maintenance of the proposed enclosed portables.

The sites approved by the Board for the siting of an enclosed portable restroom are Underwood Park and Zimbelman Park. Jerry Fox will look at the maintenance road issue at Bartholomew Park to determine if the portable could be moved farther in the park adjacent to the road. In addition, EGYSA is to conduct public outreach for input from nearby residents of the Bartholomew Park site, as well as the proposed siting at the Case, Simpson, Lichtenberger, Wackman, and Guttridge Parks. Mulberg-McElroy, Perez, Wright – yes; Derr – absent.

2. The Board accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (independent audit report) for the Elk Grove Community Services District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 as presented by Ingrid Shipline of Richardson & Company. McElroy-Wright, Mulberg, Perez – yes; Derr – absent.

H. BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS

6:30 P.M. – JOINT MEETING W/FOUNDATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. The Foundation Board of Directors recognized the Teen Action Committee as an organized program of the Foundation, which allows the Committee to apply for grants and receive donations to help support teen activities desired by the community. Lawrence-Mooney, unanimous. Director Mulberg encouraged the recruitment of students who do not attend school in the Elk Grove Unified School District but do reside within the District .
2. The Foundation Board of Directors recognized the Elk Grove Dog Park Advisory Committee W.O.O.F. (We Offer Off-leash Fun) as an organized program of the Foundation, allowing the Committee to focus their efforts on fundraising to help build the Dog Park in Elk Grove Regional Park. Mooney-B. Robinson, unanimous.
3. The Foundation Board of Directors approved the revised criteria for assistance through "Operation Clyde and approved the revised "Operation Clyde" application for assistance form. Livingston-Brewer, unanimous. Staff will make extra efforts to promote Operation Clyde to reach eligible individuals who can apply for assistance to participate in recreation and education programs offered by the Parks & Rec Department.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Fire Committee – Director McElroy – No report.
2. Parks & Recreation Committee – Director Wright – No report.
3. Budget/Finance/Insurance Committee – Director Mulberg – No report.
4. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director McElroy – No report.
5. Strategic Planning Committee – No report due to Director Derr's absence.
6. Fire Communications Board – No report due to Director Derr's absence.
7. Senior Center Board – President Perez reported the Board would be meeting next Tuesday.
8. Sacramento Council of Parks & Recreation – Director Wright – No report.
9. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) – Director Mulberg – No report.
10. Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee – No report.
11. Miscellaneous Reports – None.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. NONE

J. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

1. President Perez asked that Fred Fischer's request earlier this evening for re-consideration of rental fees at the Henry Kloss Softball Complex be agendized for discussion. Director McElroy asked the whole rental fee structure for sports fields be brought back for review since he was absent when the item was approved by the Board at the January 6, 2004 meeting.
2. Director McElroy asked for a report on two parcels recently re-zoned from commercial to residential by the City of Elk Grove and to determine what arrears in debt service is owed or not reimbursed as a result of the rezones.
3. Director McElroy asked staff to review the recently approved City of Elk Grove General Plan's environmental review with regards to the impact on traffic and to forward a recommendation to the Fire Committee to discuss cost-sharing for replacement of the existing Opticom system currently used by the CSD Fire Department and the City's Police Department, and future use by Regional Transit due to growth, with a radio controlled system.

4. Director Mulberg requested the Regional Transit bus stop issue at the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic/Community Complex be agendaized for discussion.
5. Director Wright asked a Parks & Rec Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss fees for out-of-district participants in District programs.
6. Director McElroy asked a survey form be established to determine community needs for District-owned and maintained trails and to clarify why the City of Elk Grove is surveying the public of off-road needs when the CSD is the responsible entity for the trail system.

K. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board adjourned to an Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed session was opened at 9:03 p.m. to discuss the following items

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GENERAL MANAGER) –
FIRE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (MEO)
(Government Code Section 54957.6 – Personnel Matters)
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – TITLE: FIRE CHIEF
(Government Code Section 54957)
3. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – LAND NEGOTIATIONS FOR POSSIBLE
PARKLAND – APN: 127-0110-32, 127-0110-37, 127-0110-38, & 127-0110-39
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section
54956.9 – One Case)

M. REOPEN REGULAR MEETING

1. President Perez reopened the regular Board meeting at 9:53 p.m. Direction was given to the Labor Negotiator with regards to Executive Session Item No. 1.
2. Direction was also given by the Board to the Property Negotiator with regards to Item No. 3.
3. There was nothing to report with regards to Item Nos. 2 and 4.

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Perez adjourned the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita K. Velasquez
Secretary of the Board